

**TOWN OF NORTHFIELD
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Minutes of February 27, 2006**

- I. **ROLL CALL:** Chair Donald Wallace, Selectmen Melvin Adams (absent), Michael Demasi, Richard Greenslit, and Roger LeClair. Also present were Town Manager Nanci Allard, Clerk Samantha Baraw, Kathleen Lott, Everett Greenslit, William C. Lyon, Warren Hagy, Meg Donohue-Davis, Peter Bartram, and Jim Baraw.

A Pubic Hearing for the purpose of providing written or oral views on the Warned Town Articles to be voted upon by Australian Ballot at the Annual Town Meeting on March 7, 2006, was warned to immediately precede the Selectboard's regular meeting.

Chair Wallace called the Public Hearing to order at 7:00 p.m. He then opened the floor to any member of the public who wished to discuss the Australian Ballot articles (listed below).

Article 13. Shall the voters authorize the Selectboard to borrow an amount not to exceed \$150,000 for a period not to exceed ten (10) years for the purchase of a Fire Pumper Truck? (Australian Ballot). Northfield Fire Department Chief William Lyon provided a history of the department's pumper trucks. There has been a pumper truck purchased each decade and each one was purchased new. Each pumper is used for twenty (20) years. The first ten (10) years, the new truck is primary and for the second ten (10) years, the truck is employed as a back-up. Bill explained the specifications on the desired truck. The old pumper (1986) will be traded or sold, based on whatever is best for the Town.

Article 14. Shall the voters authorize the expenditure of \$2300 to pay for police coverage during the Labor Day weekend celebration (as requested by Northfield Observances)? (Australian Ballot). There was no discussion.

Article 15. Shall the voters authorize the expenditure of \$1500 for the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program? (Australian Ballot). Meg Donohue-Davis asked the voters to support RSVP again. There are twenty-nine (29) Northfield residents who contribute their time in eight (8) different sites, four (4) of them in Northfield.

Article 16. Shall the voters authorize the expenditure of \$1200 for Central Vermont Adult Basic Education? (Australian Ballot). There was no discussion.

Article 17. Shall the voters authorize the expenditure of \$1000 for the Battered Women's Services and Shelter? (Australian Ballot). There was no discussion.

Article 18. Shall the voters authorize the expenditure of \$1000 for the Central Vermont Community Action Council? (Australian Ballot). Peter Butterfield spoke in favor of CVCAV, stating that many Northfield residents have received support from the organization.

Article 19. Shall the voters authorize the expenditure of \$1000 for Good Beginnings of Central Vermont? (Australian Ballot). There was no discussion.

Article 20. Shall the voters authorize the expenditure of \$850 for the People's Health and Wellness Clinic? (Australian Ballot). There was no discussion.

Article 21. Shall the voters authorize the expenditure of \$600 for the Central Vermont Council on Aging? (Australian Ballot). There was no discussion.

Article 22. Shall the voters authorize the expenditure of \$500 for Central Vermont Crime Stoppers? (Australian Ballot), There was no discussion.

Article 23. Shall the voters authorize the expenditure of \$500 for the Family Center of Washington County? (Australian Ballot). There was no discussion.

Article 24. Shall the voters authorize the expenditure of \$500 for the Washington County Youth Service Bureau/Boys & Girls Club? (Australian Ballot). There was no discussion.

Article 25. Shall the voters authorize the expenditure of \$350 for the Washington County Diversion Program? (Australian Ballot). Peter Bartram spoke in favor of the organization and asked Northfield residents requested for their continued support.

Article 26. Shall the voters authorize the expenditure of \$200 for the Green Mountain Youth Symphony? (Australian Ballot). There was no discussion.

Article 27. Shall the voters authorize the expenditure of \$200 for the Sexual Assault Crisis Team of Washington County? (Australian Ballot). There was no discussion.

Article 28. Shall the voters authorize the expenditure of \$150 for O.U.R. House of Central Vermont, Inc.? (Australian Ballot). There was no discussion.

As there were not any additional comments, Chair Wallace closed the Public Hearing at 7:27 p.m. The regular Selectboard meeting then commenced.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. **February 13, 2006 (Regular Meeting).** Motion by Selectman Greenslit, seconded by Selectman LeClair, to approve the minutes. **Motion passed 4-0-0.**
- b. **February 20, 2006 (Special Meeting).** Motion by Selectman Greenslit, seconded by Selectman LeClair, to approve the minutes. **Motion passed 4-0-0.**

III. APPROVAL OF BILLS

- a. **Warrant #17-06.** Motion by Selectman Demasi, seconded by Selectman LeClair, to approve Warrant #17-06 in the amount of \$28,264.26. **Motion passed 4-0-0.**

IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None.

V. MANAGER'S REPORT

- a. **Disposal of Old Municipal Computers:** As a result of the new computer system being purchased, there are several old computers that are in need of disposal. Several employees would like to purchase the computers. The Board felt that surplus property should be offered by bid to the entire Northfield community.
- b. **2006 Leader Program (VLCT PACIF).** There was a free health screening from VLCT to employees. There is an opportunity for the Town to earn back 4% of their premiums paid through a Health Trust incentive program called 2006 Leader Program. Motion by Selectman Greenslit, seconded by Selectman LeClair, to allow the Town to participate in the Health Trust Members incentive program. **Motion passed 4-0-0.**
- c. **Status Reports: Various Projects**
 - 1. **Hot Patching Machine.** There was discussion of the hot patching machine that the Highway Department would like to purchase. All the Selectmen present expressed support for the purchase of this item.
 - 2. **Proposed Work Camp.** Manager Allard reminded the Board that we are currently in the information-gathering stage. No formal commitments will be made without full public participation.

VI. SELECTBOARD

- a. **Approval of Revised Zoning Regulations:** Motion by Selectman Greenslit, seconded by Selectman LeClair, to approve the revised Zoning Regulations for the Town and Village of Northfield (version dated February 20, 2006). There was a question if there now was a definition for “warehouse.” A definition of warehouse has been included. **Motion passed 3-0-1, with Selectman Demasi abstaining.**
- b. **2006 Liquor License Renewal Application: Cumberland Farms.** The Board would like a revised copy of this application with correct “Description of Premises” (“west side of North Main Street”) and a description of the offenses (since the “yes” box has been checked).
- c. **Town Meeting Day: March 7, 2006.** The open meeting will be called to order at 10:00 a.m. in the Northfield High School’s Mary Granai Corrigan Auditorium. Australian Balloting will take place in the Northfield High School Cafeteria from 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- d. **Public Hearing (Norwich University Rezoning): March 13, 2006:** There is a public hearing scheduled on Monday, March 13, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. (prior to the next regular Selectboard Meeting). There is a question of if the Zoning Board or Planning Commission needs to hold a public hearing first.
- e. **Status Reports: Various Projects**
 1. **CVRR Land Purchase.** We are closing on finalizing the purchase. We are now waiting for the deed.
 2. **Household Hazardous Waste Disposal.** There was a question of whether the Northfield Recycling Center could hold its own Hazardous Waste Disposal day. This will be investigated.

VII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Non-agenda items:

- a. **Everett Greenslit.** Mr. Greenslit submitted a request for information. He feels that the response he received was from the wrong department. He received a response from the Lister Department. He would like a response from the Accounting department.

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion by Selectman Demasi, seconded by Selectman LeClair, to go into executive session to discuss a legal matter with Manager Allard present. **Motion passed 4-0-0.**

The Board went into executive session at 7:58 p.m.

Motion by Selectman Demasi, seconded by Selectman LeClair, to come out of executive session. **Motion passed 4-0-0.**

The Board came out of executive session at 8:08 p.m. No action was taken.

IX. ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Selectman Greenslit, seconded by Selectman LeClair, to adjourn. **Motion passed 4-0-0.**

The Board adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Samantha H. Baraw

Samantha H. Baraw, Clerk

These minutes are subject to approval at the next scheduled meeting.